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Part 252—Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

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252.211-7000 Acquisition Streamlining.

As prescribed in 211.002-70, use the following clause:

ACQUISITION STREAMLINING (DEC 1991)

- (a) The Government's acquisition streamlining objectives are to—
 - (1) Acquire systems that meet stated performance requirements;
 - (2) Avoid over-specification; and
 - (3) Ensure that cost-effective requirements are included in future acquisitions.
- (b) The Contractor shall—
 - (1) Prepare and submit acquisition streamlining recommendations in accordance with the statement of work of this contract; and
 - (2) Format and submit the recommendations as prescribed by data requirements on the contract data requirements list of this contract.
- (c) The Government has the right to accept, modify, or reject the Contractor's recommendations.
- (d) The Contractor shall insert this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts over \$1 million, awarded in the performance of this contract.

(End of clause)

252.211-7001 Availability of Specifications and Standards Not Listed in DODISS, Data Item Descriptions Not Listed in DoD 5010.12-L, and Plans, Drawings, and Other Pertinent Documents.

As prescribed in 211.204(c), use the following provision:

AVAILABILITY OF SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS NOT LISTED IN DODISS, DATA ITEM DESCRIPTIONS NOT LISTED IN DOD 5010.12-L, AND PLANS, DRAWINGS, AND OTHER PERTINENT DOCUMENTS (DEC 1991)

Offerors may obtain the specifications, standards, plans, drawings, data item descriptions, and other pertinent documents cited in this solicitation by submitting a request to:

(Activity) _____

(Complete Address) _____

Include the number of the solicitation and the title and number of the specification, standard, plan, drawing, or other pertinent document.

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(End of provision)

252.211-7002 Availability for Examination of Specifications, Standards, Plans, Drawings, Data Item Descriptions, and Other Pertinent Documents.

As prescribed in 211.204(c), use the following provision:

AVAILABILITY FOR EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, PLANS,
DRAWINGS, DATA ITEM DESCRIPTIONS, AND OTHER PERTINENT
DOCUMENTS (DEC 1991)

The specifications, standards, plans, drawings, data item descriptions, and other pertinent documents cited in this solicitation are not available for distribution but may be examined at the following location:

(Insert complete address)

(End of provision)

252.211-7003 Brand Name or Equal.

As prescribed in 211.270-2, use the following provision:

BRAND NAME OR EQUAL (DEC 1991)

(a) If items in this solicitation are identified as “brand name or equal,” the term is intended to be descriptive not restrictive. The “brand name or equal” description is used to portray the characteristics and level of quality that will satisfy the Government's needs. The salient physical, functional, and other characteristics which “equal” products must meet are specified in the solicitation.

(b) To be considered for award, offers of “equal” products, including products (other than the “brand name” item) of the brand name manufacturer, must—

(1) Meet the salient physical, functional, and other characteristics specified in this solicitation;

(2) Clearly identify the item by—

(i) Brand name, if any; and

(ii) Make or model number;

(3) Include descriptive literature such as cuts, illustrations, drawings, or a clear reference to previously furnished descriptive data or information available to the Contracting Officer; and

(4) Clearly describe any modifications the Offeror plans to make in a product to make it conform to the solicitation requirements. Mark any descriptive material to clearly show the modifications.

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(c) The Contracting Officer will evaluate “equal” products on the basis of information furnished by the Offeror or identified in the offer and reasonably available to the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer is not responsible for locating or securing any information not identified in the offer and reasonably available.

(d) Unless the Offeror clearly indicates in the offer that the product being offered is an “equal” product, the Contracting Officer will consider the offer as offering a brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

(End of provision)

252.211-7004 Alternate Preservation, Packaging, and Packing.

As prescribed in 211.272, use the following provision:

ALTERNATE PRESERVATION, PACKAGING, AND PACKING (DEC 1991)

(a) The Offeror may submit two unit prices for each item—one based on use of the military preservation, packaging, or packing requirements of the solicitation; and an alternate based on use of commercial or industrial preservation, packaging, or packing of equal or better protection than the military.

(b) If the Offeror submits two unit prices, the following information, as a minimum, shall be submitted with the offer to allow evaluation of the alternate—

(1) The per unit/item cost of commercial or industrial preservation, packaging, and packing;

(2) The per unit/item cost of military preservation, packaging, and packing;

(3) The description of commercial or industrial preservation, packaging, and packing procedures, including material specifications, when applicable, to include—

- (i) Method of preservation;
- (ii) Quantity per unit package;
- (iii) Cleaning/drying treatment;
- (iv) Preservation treatment;
- (v) Wrapping materials;
- (vi) Cushioning/dunnage material;
- (vii) Thickness of cushioning;
- (viii) Unit container;
- (ix) Unit package gross weight and dimensions;
- (x) Packing; and

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- (xi) Packing gross weight and dimensions; and
- (4) Item characteristics, to include—
 - (i) Material and finish;
 - (ii) Net weight;
 - (iii) Net dimensions; and
 - (iv) Fragility.

(c) If the Contracting Officer does not evaluate or accept the Offeror's proposed alternate commercial or industrial preservation, packaging, or packing, the Offeror agrees to preserve, package, or pack in accordance with the specified military requirements.

(End of provision)

252.211-7005 Substitutions for Military or Federal Specifications and Standards.

As prescribed in 211.273-4, use the following clause:

SUBSTITUTIONS FOR MILITARY OR FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS (MAR 1999)

(a) *Definition.* "SPI process," as used in this clause, means a management or manufacturing process that has been accepted previously by the Department of Defense under the Single Process Initiative (SPI) for use in lieu of a specific military or Federal specification or standard at specific facilities. Under SPI, these processes are reviewed and accepted by a Management Council, which includes representatives of the Contractor, the Defense Contract Management Command, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, and the military departments.

(b) Offerors are encouraged to propose SPI processes in lieu of military or Federal specifications and standards cited in the solicitation. A listing of SPI processes accepted at specific facilities is available via the Internet in PDF format at <http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/spi/dbreport/modified.pdf> and in Excel format at <http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/spi/dbreport/modified.xls>.

(c) An offeror proposing to use an SPI process in lieu of military or Federal specifications or standards cited in the solicitation shall—

- (1) Identify the specific military or Federal specification or standard for which the SPI process has been accepted;
- (2) Identify each facility at which the offeror proposes to use the specific SPI process in lieu of military or Federal specifications or standards cited in the solicitation;
- (3) Identify the contract line items, subline items, components, or elements affected by the SPI process; and

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(4) If the proposed SPI process has been accepted at the facility at which it is proposed for use, but is not yet listed at the Internet site specified in paragraph (b) of this clause, submit documentation of Department of Defense acceptance of the SPI process.

(d) Absent a determination that an SPI process is not acceptable for this procurement, the Contractor shall use the following SPI processes in lieu of military or Federal specifications or standards:

(Offeror insert information for each SPI process)

SPI Process: _____

Facility: _____

Military or Federal
Specification or Standard: _____

Affected Contract Line Item
Number, Subline Item
Number, Component, or
Element: _____

(e) If a prospective offeror wishes to obtain, prior to the time specified for receipt of offers, verification that an SPI process is an acceptable replacement for military or Federal specifications or standards required by the solicitation, the prospective offeror—

(1) May submit the information required by paragraph (d) of this clause to the Contracting Officer prior to submission of an offer; but

(2) Must submit the information to the Contracting Officer at least 10 working days prior to the date specified for receipt of offers.

(End of clause)